

Dear FCC:

One of our real treasures, the amateur 160M band, unless segmented, will become like the current Citizen Band, unruly, impolite and a breeding ground for discontent. Experience has shown that a more efficient use of all amateur bands, except this one (160M) have benefited substantially with mode segmentation. 160M would also benefit from this FCC methodology whereby 1800-1843 is set aside for narrow band modes and 1843-2000 for wider band modes.

Currently the lower portion of this band is unusable during contests as both wide band and narrow band modes of communications clog all frequencies from 1800-1900 and even above. I don't think this is a workable use of the assets this band has to offer. Even when QRM producing contests are not monopolizing the band, some wide band transmissions on traditional DX frequencies cause animosities and frequent on the air misbehavior.

Just the endorsement and acceptance of this petition by the FCC would go a long way towards "sorting out" the various points of operating contention that leaving this band to its own devices has traditionally produced. The amateur service is unique in its ability to enforce band segmentations which would be no exception if this bandplan and segmentation were codified by the necessary FCC legal making process with its approval.

I doubt there would be any additional workload on the FCC either in enforcement or other administrative activities by the approval of this petition for rulemaking.

I highly recommend adoption of this petition and acceptance of it "in whole" without alteration.

Sincerely,

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